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COVER STORY

It's Lunar New Year again and time to bone up on things according to the old Chinese calendar. This month's special feature gives the reader a complete view of lunar astrology, it's Zodiac and how it applies to each person. Learn to develop your own lunar horoscope. It's all inside this issue for your enlightenment and enjoyment.

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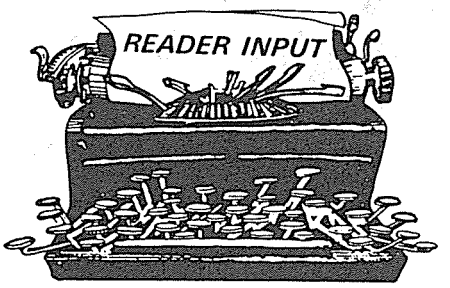


BULLHORNS & WINDOWS

Dear Editor,

Excellent! Excellent! Your Western Bullhorns and Eastern Windows comparison (Jan. 88) described many of our fellow expats on this island to a "T". Now, how about those bums in Durdley Drinkright's crowd?

A.F. Taipei

BAD TASTE

Dear Grapevine,

What got Durdley on the ethnic joke kick? I, for one, don't like it. Do you really need to print such distasteful attempts at being funny?

Concerned in Tien Mou

ROMPING WITH THE KIDS

Dear Grapevine:

After living in Taiwan a few years, I have frequently heard comments on the lack of originality on the part of the inhabitants.

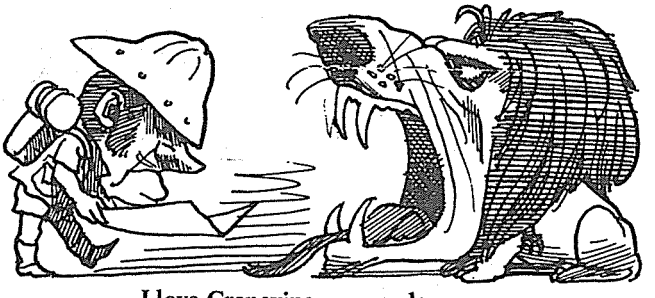
Obviously, these foreigners have not had their eyes open, for a great innovation in childrens playgrounds is plainly evident.

Think of the imagination in making children's playgrounds out of Supermarkets, Theaters, Restaurants, Department Stores and Buses? The 'Little Ones' can play in recognizable surroundings instead of with those surrealistic playground plumbers dreams that are confusing even to adults.

Come on!!! Doff that sombrero to the genius who thought up this idea. To make it more realistic, there are even movie-goers in the theaters, diners in the restaurants, grocery-buyers in the supermarkets and shoppers in the Department Stores. And notice how the toddlers enjoy these places. You can constantly hear the cries of wild abandon and see the racing young-uns at all times of the day and night.

Unrestrained in Taipei

Letters and comments are welcome. Only those with the writer's name and address are acceptable for publication.



I love Grapevine — readers.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (20 Mar – 20 Apr) WEEK 1: An admirer might give a party for you. Singles may meet a lover-to-be. Maintain good habits. If married, expect domestic harmony and bliss. WEEK 2: Bad temper, you're easily angered. WEEK 3: Be careful at home. Avoid being jealous. Trust people and gain respect. WEEK 4: Concentrate on your work. Be quiet and pleasant at home. Don't take advantage of generosity.

TAURUS (21 Apr – 21 May) WEEK 1: Selecting a partner isn't simple. Fast and brilliant talkers may not suit your temperament. WEEK 2: Problems can be expected, but you'll find solutions. WEEK 3: Assert yourself. Joint projects and partnerships are favoured. Sidestep controversial issues. WEEK 4: Achieve your objectives. Don't hesitate.

GEMINI (22 May – 21 June) WEEK 1: A week of variety. Be diligent and on your best behaviour. WEEK 2: You will be kept busy. Possibly a trip. Freedom from close ties is necessary. WEEK 3: Buy yourself some bright clothes. Give away some gifts. Whistle while you work. WEEK 4: Avoid dangerous situations, and over-drinking. Get fit.

CANCER (22 June – 23 July) WEEK 1: Keep your good habits, avoid bad ones. Spend nights at home. Eat wholesome foods. WEEK 2: Pay attention to your work. Comfort others. WEEK 3: Take good care of your family. You might consider leaving town for awhile. WEEK 4: Possible unwanted letters from far away.

LEO (24 July – 23 Aug) WEEK 1: Be calm and confident. Make decisions yourself. Remember to laugh. WEEK 2: Better luck this week. Maintain self-control. Speak softly and smile. WEEK 3: Others want to join you. Hide doubts; enjoy self -confidence. Avoid boasting. Understand your strengths. WEEK 4: Snobs might get a blow to their prides. Former kindness may be returned. The winds of prestige could raise an unknown and bury an egotist.

VIRGO (24 Aug – 23 Sept) WEEK 1: Important changes in your career. WEEK 2: Finances will be boosted. Possible long distance travel or visitors. WEEK 3: Give much thought and study to long range goals. Resolve pressures by joining forces with a new team or partner. WEEK 4: Enjoy yourself as much as you can.

LIBRA (24 Sept – 23 Oct) WEEK 1: New directions may open up in your career and socially. WEEK 2: A time of inspired thinking, psychic awareness and awakening. WEEK 3: Perhaps some challenging twists and turns. With other's help, you may redirect your life along new and improved lines. WEEK 4: Following the letter of the law sometimes degrades it's spirit.

SCORPIO (24 Oct – 22 Nov) WEEK 1: Get over arguments and disagreements quickly. WEEK 2: Financial gains for some, perhaps a shopping spree. WEEK 3: Start of a busy period. Perhaps a new career, direction or project. WEEK 4: Make decisions in private. Someone in authority may feel you are overdoing it.

SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov – 21 Dec.) WEEK 1: An improving week. Contacts may help cut red tape or get a bargain. WEEK 2: Your hard work is rewarded. You move with increasing success. WEEK 3: Financial gains through speculation. Spend on gifts for special friends. WEEK 4: A time of realization and fruition of past efforts. Difficult choices might be made for you.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec – 20 Jan) WEEK 1: Watch your budget. Be inventive and find ways to increase your income. WEEK 2: A magical turn of events. A happy week indeed. WEEK 3: Don't take yourself, or life, too seriously. WEEK 4: No need to be apprehensive. Old ties and friendships ebb. You'll see the results of past actions.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan – 19 Feb) WEEK 1: Family festivities seem more like work than play. Slow down and let things roll. WEEK 2: Watch your spending. Unexpected news. Continue original ideas and projects. WEEK 3: An emotional and happy week. Artistic and creative abilities are stressed in your job. WEEK 4: Travel and visitors. Spend time with those you really love.

PISCES (20 Feb – 19 Mar) WEEK 1: Dedication and responsibility will start to reap rewards. WEEK 2: Write, telephone and run errands. Travel could be a source of pleasure. WEEK 3: A surprise financial boost. Joint ventures and projects can be furthered. WEEK 4: Avoid minor accidents by slowing down and taking precautions.

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WHERE WE LIVE

Dragon dancers perform

JOIN THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

The Lunar New Year, commonly called *"Shin-chiya"* which translates to *"New First Month"* in Taiwanese (as opposed to *Chuen-je* or *Spring Festival* in Mandarin) is the ultimate in local holiday festivities on Taiwan, and above all a time for families to gather in much the same spirit as the western Christmas.

Ancient traditions are observed both in advance of, and during, the festive period. These preparations begin from the 8th day of the last lunar month, which was the 26th of last month (Gregorian).

Employers are expected to throw dinner parties for their staff and workers during the ensuing three weeks, consequently, many restaurants are full to overflowing. At these dinners, all eyes are on the main course of chicken or duck since, traditionally, whomever the head points at will be dismissed. If no firings are in order the boss will have the bird pointed at himself. Dismissals these days are rarely carried out in this manner but care is still taken to aim the bird in a neutral direction.

By tradition, but not necessarily, on the 16th of the last lunar month (3rd Feb.) households and workplaces are cleaned to spotlessness, loose ends taken care of, and unwanted or worn-out items discarded, so that the new year will have a fresh start. In Taiwan this day is called *"Boe-ge"* (尾牙) which means *tail of the year* and is the most festive worship day for the earth-god To-ti-kong (土地公), the popular patron-god of commercial enterprises. There are hundreds of temples across Taiwan dedicated to this deity.

A week before New Year, (11th February this year) families often make pai-pai, or prayers, in a custom known as the "small festival" to send off the local deities and family gods who depart for heaven to report to the Jade Emperor, Tien-kung (天公).

In last few days of the old year posters bearing lucky characters and phrases, which are pasted on doors and other auspicious places around the house, are prepared or purchased. Rushes are made on banks and shops to obtain new money with which to stuff the traditional red envelopes. Haircuts and hairdos are in order, with barbers and hairdressers working until the wee hours, or all night, at double prices.

Finally, New Year's eve arrives, debts have hopefully been settled, preparations made, and families gathered. Suddenly Taiwan goes very quiet while the people eat sumptious feasts, including traditional foods, such as noodles for long life, etc. which vary from place to place. Normally only family members or relatives are welcome in deference to superstition against strangers interfering with family good fortune.

At midnight (some starting at 11PM which is lunar midnight) the island exorcises the evil spirits with an eruption of millions of firecrackers, rockets and other assorted fireworks, which lasts for hours, and in fact never really quite stops for the entire holiday period. This also goes for playing of various games, including mah-jong.

Red envelopes, or an-pao (Mandarin: hon-pao) containing money are passed out, not only to children but also amongst adult family members, depending upon specific relationships. In giving red envelopes only even amounts of new money are given, such as 2, 6, 8, or 10 bills, all of the same denomination. Counts of four are taboo. Adults usually carry a few spare an-pao during the holidays just in case they run into children of relatives or close friends, or when visiting their homes.

On New Year's Day pai-pai, or worship, is again performed and local temples visited. No cooking is done for the first three days, with the leftovers from the New Year's eve preparations being consumed during the interim. No sweeping is done on New Year's day for fear of sweeping away good luck. Utmost care is taken to avoid cutting or breaking anything.

On the second day married daughters visit their parent's home, in which case food may be prepared for this specific occasion only.

The third day is usually a home day, since it is considered unlucky to wander very far off, and a welcome fresh meal is enjoyed by all.

On day four the local gods, or deities are welcomed back with fireworks, offerings and the burning of special paper money.

Shops and businesses are opened, or at least visited, on the fifth day. Scrolls or posters are put up, firecrackers lit and pai-pai is performed usually to the god To-ti-kong. (Tu-ti-kung). It is also a most auspicious day to open a new business.

Hereafter visits to distant auspicious temples and to relatives are in order. The eleventh day, marks the birthday of the Jade Emperor and is another day of great fireworks and prayers.

In the days before the lantern festival on the 15th

(2nd March), which marks the end of the festivities, lion-dance teams appear on the streets raucously weaving and leaping their way, pausing at entrances to good-naturedly extort tips along the way.

In the old, predominantly agrarian, society the farmers enjoyed a full fifteen day respite from their hard labours, finishing off their holidays with the lantern festival on the 15th day of the lunar New Year, which falls on 2nd March this year. Of course in these modern days of high-tech hustle and bustle many people are forced by circumstances to deviate from the old traditions and schedules, and most will go back to the grindstone on Feb. 22nd after a mere six days, but just when the island will finally shift back into high gear is another question.

Happy New Year, or as they say in Taiwanese – SHIN NIN KYUNG HI!

EARLY MARCH LUNAR FESTIVITIES

LANTERN FESTIVAL: The annual Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the new year (2nd March) signifies the close of the traditional holiday period. It is also the night of the year's first full moon.

The evening is marked by the glow of numerous lanterns, originally conceived for the purpose of hunting for the spirits that appear with the first moon. Small round shaped cakes, or yuan-shiau, representing the full moon are eaten.

Of all the many lantern festivities on Taiwan the most spectacular is the rocket hives, a 180 year old tradition which evolved from firing rockets to drive out the evil spirits of pestilence which had beset the community of Yenshui, near Changhwa.

This massive display of rockets, fired in clusters from hives shaped into forms of the lunar animal signs, lasts from 6PM until 3AM, during which time millions of NT dollars worth of fireworks are ignited and shot off in all directions.

DEITY FESTIVALS: Numerous festivals for various deities are held on the 15th of the 1st month, or 2nd March, and include the following, with main celebrations at the temples dedicated to them at the places mentioned:

Shang-ti-kong (上帝公) God of Wealth; Tsaotun, Nantou, County; Taitung.

Pan-ko-tai-ong (盤古大王) Legendary Creator of the Universe: Hsinhua, Tainan County

Ko-Kong (古公) God who Expels Evil: Toucheng, Ilan County

Khai-chiong-seng-ong (開漳聖王) Guardian of the Chang-chou immigrants: Tsaotun, Nantou County.

Another interesting celebration is the ***Festival of Five Concubines,*** at Wufei Temple, Tainan.

On 3rd March, also in Tainan, is the birthday celebration of Cheng-chen-kung, or Koxinga, at the Yenping Temple. Another celebration in his honor is held at the Cheng-chen-kung Temple in Chushan, Nantou County.

CHINESE TIDBITS

We live in the present, we dream of the future and we learn eternal truths from the past.

— MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

HANGING LUCKY PAPERS

One of the most visible aspects of the New Year is the bright red papers bearing fortuitious, or lucky, characters and couplets which are pasted at the main entrance of households and businesses. They might also be located in auspicious places inside the home or office.

A door plastered with lucky papers. Note the inverted character at the top.

There are two distinct types of Tsun-nien, or lucky papers, one being long scroll-like papers bearing phrases which are placed over and at the sides of doorways, and the small, more common, diamond or rectangular papers bearing from one to three characters. The common expressions follow:

五福臨門	Wu fu ling men	Five fortunes enter
萬象更新	Wan hsiang kun shin	Everything become new
五代其昌	Wu tsu shi chan	Five generations of luck
福	Fu	Fortune or luck
春	Chun	Spring
招財進寶	Tsao tai chien pao	Treasure comes
大家恭喜	Ta-chia Kyung hsi	Everybody Happy Ney Year

In these days lucky papers and other decorations are almost exclusively purchased at the many stands and shops which flourish during the pre-New Year period. In older days they were usually made at home.

The papers must be posted at least unitl after Lantern Festival which signals the end of the traditional celebration. Often, however, they are displayed for the full year, to be replaced each New Year.

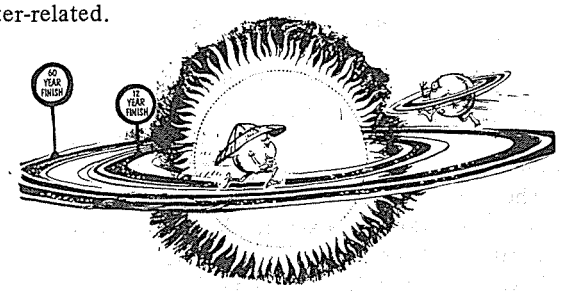
One interesting facet of these papers is the inversion of the character *Fu* (Taiwanese: *Ho*) 福 meaning fortune (or luck). The Chinese word for inverted, or upside-down, is verbally similar to "arrived" or *Tou (Kau),* therefore, by placing the character for luck upside down it becomes *arrival (of) fortune.* This latter character is usually placed at the top, or over any other papers.

In last month's issue we learned about the good luck of the Dragons. Here we take a look at the rest of the signs and how they should fare during the new lunar year. ●

LUNAR SPECIAL
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

LUNAR BACKGROUND

As legend has it, the "Lunar" calendar and zodiac, as we know it today, were perfected and adopted during the reign of Emperor Yao, also known as the Perfect Emperor, circa 2254 B.C. (Recording of a yearly calendar goes further back to Emperor Huang Ti.) During a great famine when many of his subjects were dying of starvation due to poor harvests, the Emperor ordered his palace astronomers to devise a method of predicting the dates of the solstices and equinoxes so that farmers could plant crops at the most advantageous times. Since the astronomers were under the threat of producing something convincing or losing their heads they went about their assignment with great fervor. No wonder at the resultant accuracy and complexity of today's lunar calendar and it's zodiac which are totally inter-related.



From the basic knowledge that a year consists of four seasons, the zodiacal calendar was developed further by dividing the equator into twelve regions and recording the movements of the moon, followed by the sun and other major planets and all of their inter-related paths. The result was a sixty year cycle. No allowances are made, as with the Gregorian calendar and it's leap year, therefore New Year's falls on a different day each year. The lunar year is basically divided into twelve months of either 29 or 30 days each. However, every thirty months an extra month is used to adjust lunar and solar differences. Last year there were two sixth months, the extra month falling between 26th July and 23rd August. The next extra month will occur in 1990.

During the cycle of sixty years Jupiter orbits the sun five times (coincidentally, Saturn orbits the sun twice in the same period). Therefore the sixty year cycle divides into five periods of twelve years, each period representing a complete rotation of the twelve zodiac years. It is said that the zodiac signs, commencing with the year of the Rat, were designated by Lord Buddha, before he departed earth, as a reward to each animal for it's loyalty to him.

How about those five periods of the sixty year cycle which coincide with the orbits of Jupiter? They are represented by the natural elements of metal, water, wood, fire and earth.

To get back to the original reason for the development of the lunar calendar, it can be said that both farmers and fisherman today follow the accurate predictions of the system, requiring little guesswork, with excellent results in this 4,686th year.

YOUR LUNAR IDENTITY

For most of us our lunar identity is limited to knowing our sign for the year of our birth. However, this knowledge is but a part of our total lunar identity.

Some few fortune tellers, accustomed to dealing with foreigners, can readily translate our western-oriented information into the lunar references needed. But even with such help you have missed the real fun of being able to do this exercise on your own.

If you do not yet know your correct birth sign from the twelve-year cycle refer to the table appearing at the end of this article. Those born in January or February must be careful to determine the correct year of birth according to the lunar calandar (see the section on Chinese hours to be sure).

BIRTH ELEMENT: Next is your element (based on Jupiter's cycles with which we are already familiar. During the sixty years each of the twelve animal signs coincides once with each of the ancient elements *Wood(木), Fire(火), Earth(土), Metal(金) or Water(水).*

Here are the traits with which the elements influence us:

WOOD: Expansive, cooperative, compassionate, kind and influential. More thoughtful than other traits might indicate.

FIRE: Strong, energetic, agressive, assertive, passionate and adventurous. Power to motivate others.

WATER: Communicative, creative, flexible, tolerant. inclined toward diplomacy.

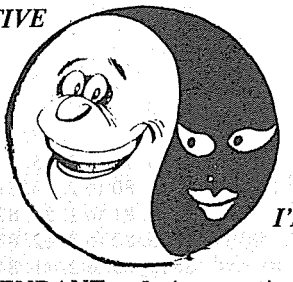
EARTH: Functional, prudent, steady, practical, ambitious. With administrative ability.

METAL: Independent, self reliant, rigid. Unyielding in purpose.

YIN (陰) or YANG (陽): Next to be determined is whether you were born under the *Yin* (Passive) or *Yang* (Active) sign. *Yang* people are born in the years of RAT, TIGER, DRAGON, HORSE, MONKEY, DOG.

Yins are OX, RABBIT, SNAKE, GOAT, ROOSTER, PIG. Basically, Yang people are spirited, vigorous and spontaneous. Yin persons are gentle, intuitive and thoughtful. Like the magnetic poles the Yang and Yin opposites attract each other.

I'M AN ACTIVE YANG



I'M A PASSIVE YIN

LUNAR ASCENDANT: It is now time to determine your lunar birth down to the hour. Those of us who don't know the hour of our birth will have to go through life with an everlasting question mark. Since our fortunes cannot be predicted to the final degree we shall have to leave a part to our (or the fortune tellers) imagination. For those who have the fact at hand you will now learn your factual lunar ascendant.

Based on the 24 hours of our day one of the familiar twelve animal signs reigns over a two hour segment; *Rat* 11PM-1AM, *Ox* 1-3AM, *Tiger* 3-5AM, Rabbit 5-7AM, *Dragon* 7-9AM, *Snake* 9-11AM, *Horse* 11AM-1PM, *Goat* 1-3PM, *Monkey* 3-5PM, *Rooster* 5-7PM, *Dog* 7-9PM, *Pig* 9-11PM.

Chinese Hours: Yes, there are even Chinese hours which play a part in your lunar birthdate.

Originally, one Chinese hour equalled two western hours. These two-hour segments began at what is now 11PM. Therefore to get on the absolute lunar track remember that if you were born after 11PM, say on the 5th, your Chinese Lunar birthdate will be the 6th.

MOON SIGN: last but not least is your moon sign which coincides closely with western astrology.

Jan 21 – Feb 19 Tiger	July 23 – Aug 23 Monkey
Feb 20 – Mar 20 Rabbit	Aug 24 – Sept 23 Rooster
Mar 21 – Apr 20 Dragon	Sept 24 – Oct 23 Dog
Apr 21 – May 21 Snake	Oct 24 – Nov 22 Pig
May 22 – June 21 Horse	Nov 23 – Dec 21 Rat
June 22 – July 22 Goat	Dec 22 – Jan 20 Ox

DAILY ELEMENT: If you want to get a daily update on your fortunes, the days are governed by the elements, two days at a time. To get you into the count the progression starts on Lunar New Year Day, 17th February, with two days of metal (or gold), followed by the other elements in the order listed previously.

PUTTING IT ALTOGETHER

Making a personal lunar chart is an exceptionally complex undertaking even for experienced astrologers with their numerous notes and manuals to fall back on. However this shouldn't prevent you, your friends, or family from having some fun making up some personal charts using the good and bad traits gleaned from the foregoing information and trying to determine those which negate or reinforce each other until a coherent composite evolves. Along the way you will get the idea of taking the various lunar aspects, interrelating them and then interpreting the results to reach a meaningful conclusion. Get to it, have fun, but don't take the results too seriously!

CHECK YOUR LUNAR BIRTHDATE – NEXT PAGE

LUNAR ZODIAC CHARACTERISTICS

RAT: *Energetic, self controlled, opinionated, manipulating, sociable, speculative, watchful, generous, congenial, seductive, romantic.*

OX: *Inflexible, reserved, persevering, agressive, practical, authoritative, cautious, unchangeable, serious.*

TIGER: *Social, unpredictable, reckless, liberal, musical, individualistic, unconventional, humanitarian.*

RABBIT: *Artistic, aloof, refined, chivalrous, peaceful, attentive, aspiring, quiet.*

DRAGON: *Dominating, ambitious, impulsive, versatile, ethical, assertive, magnanimous, energetic, positive, resilient, competitive.*

SNAKE: *Gentle, self-composed, deep-thinking, cautious, aquisitive, persevering, suave, intriguing, lazy, reserved.*

HORSE: *intelligent, persuasive, friendly, physical, competent, entertaining, uncontrolled.*

GOAT: *Quiet, sensible, sincere, pessimistic, unmaterialistic, extravagant, creative, lucky, uninhibited.*

MONKEY: *Intelligent, ambitious, flexible, deceptive, provocative, sensitive, egotistical, shrewd.*

CHICKEN: *Candid, consistent, intelligent, inquisitive, meticulous, ostentatious, courageous, critical.*

DOG: *outspoken, stubborn, selfless, faithful, protective, excitable, anxious, warm hearted, heroic.*

PIG: *Friendly, honest, courageous, reliable, shrewd, materialistic, retiring, charitable, gallant, trusting.*

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LUNAR BIRTH SIGNS AND ELEMENTS

Dates by month-day year.

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1. 29. 03 to 2. 15. 04 Rabbit/Water
2. 16. 04 to 2. 3. 05 Dragon/Wood
2. 4. 05 to 1. 24. 06 Snake/Wood
1. 25. 06 to 2. 12. 07 Horse/Fire
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2. 2. 08 to 1. 21. 09 Monkey/Earth
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LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is a guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all lucky except for those in brackets, which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to open a new business on a lucky day will bring prosperity. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite.

ADOPTIONS	6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27 **(24, 29)**
BUSINESS NEWLY OPEN	2, 6, 9, 15, 18, 21, 24, 26 **(1, 10, 17, 19)**
CONTRACT SIGN	2, 5, 6, 9, 15, 17, 18, 21, 26, 29 **(10, 19, 22)**
CONSTRUCTION	2, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27 **(15, 16, 17, 19)**
DOOR HANGING	2, 6, 9, 10, 12, 18, 21, 24, 26 **(7, 19)**
ENGAGEMENT	1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27 **(24, 28)**
FUNERALS, BURIALS	3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28 **(1, 2, 7, 14, 15, 19, 26, 27, 29)**
HOUSE CLEANING	11, 23
HUNTING, FISHING	1, 26
MACHINE INSTALLATION	2, 9, 14
MARRIAGES	1, 6, 7, 9, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27 **(2, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 24, 26, 29)**
MEDICAL CONSULTATION	6, 11, 18, 23
MOVING PREMISES	2, 9, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26 **(6, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 27, 28, 29)**
PLANTING	6, 12, 14, 21, 26, 27 **(2, 7, 10, 19)**
SIGN HANGING	2, 6, 9, 15, 18, 21, 24
TRAVEL	2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26 **(16, 17, 27, 29)**

THE YEAR FOR NON-DRAGONS

The Dragons will be having a propitious year under their own sign, but how about the rest of us? Here's the outlook for the other zodiacal signs during this new lunar year.

Rat: Generally a pretty good year with emphasis on finance, ambition and love.

OX: Only hard work and diligence will get you through this year unscathed.

Tiger: No special indications except trifling annoyances, which might be in the form of debts.

Rabbit: Generally pleasant with good investment or romance opportunities.

Snake: Not a good year – be careful in business and love affairs. Hang on for a propitious snake year.

Horse: . An ordinary year, possibly beset by irritations concerning money or other minor matters.

Goat: A Year to take it easy and coast through in anticipation of a better next year.

Monkey: Don't speculate this annum – work quietly, watch and listen.

Chicken: A great year for hens and roosters in all respects.

Dog: A difficult year. Take precaution in doing business and be careful with romance. Rough it through toward a great next year.

Pig: A routine year with possible small problems cropping up to irritate you. Take precautions against illness.

A DIFFERENT MUSEUM

Taiwan is noted for it's outstanding museums, a number of which – such as the incomparable National Palace – are world famous. It is a surprise then, that one of the island's finest museums, which has been rated by experts are perhaps the best of it's kind in Asia, is unfamiliar even to most long-time residents.

The Chung Cheng Aviation Museum, located about a kilometer from the main terminal at CKS International Airport, houses one of the most complete, and best organized, collections of aviation-related items to be found anywhere. And it's extensive collection is growing.

Unlike some of Taiwan's museums, which are in outdated structures ill-suited for showing collections to best advantage, the Chung Cheng Aviation Museum was designed specifically for what it is. Both the building and the layout of its exhibition areas were constructed after consultation with foreign experts, including at least one who was instrumental in the development of the Smithsonian's aviation museum in Washington, D.C.

In addition to being designed to show its collection in the best possible light, the building housing the aviation museum offers several unusual surprises of its own. Perhaps the most striking of these is a full-scale mock-up of an airport control tower. Situated as the museum is, adjacent to the run-way at CKS airport, the tower provides visitors with a unique opportunity to view actual air traffic from virtually the same perspective as it is seen by air traffic controllers – a feature that may be unique in the world.

The collection is vast, and covers the entire range and history of the aviation field.

Literally scores of model planes hang from the ceilings of almost every part of the museum. They range in size from a few inches to several feet in span, but all are faithful in scale to the originals they represent.

Besides models, the museum shows real aircraft – hang and motorized gliders, and ultra-lights. Outside, adjacent to the building itself, two larger craft – a fighter, and a transport – are on display.

Scattered throughout the museum are dozens, if not hundreds, of drawings, charts, and photographs illustrating the history of aviation from the invention of gunpowder and kites in ancient China to the latest in the exploration of space. Murals and posters show the military use of kites in Tokugawa Japan, detail the exploits of the pioneer balloonists in France and Brazil nearly three hundred years ago, and of pilots, both civilian and military, in this century.

Among the more popular attractions are two almost life-size dummy aircraft cockpits, with shortened fuselage and stubby wings. These feature color-coded controls and wires which demonstrate how a plane is controlled by stick and pedals. By working the controls, visitors can see firsthand the manner in which rudder, flaps, and stabilizer are inter-related.

Also of interest, particularly to researchers, is the museum's extensive collection of aviation-related uniforms. Displayed are dozens of complete uniforms worn by airline flight crews around the world. The collection also features military uniforms representing several decades – from the scarf and goggles era of WWI to today's pressurized flight suits and computerized helmet systems.

The museum also has a large collection of aviation-related miscellany – from aircraft parts to military insignia and patches, to maps and charts. In short, there is something of interest to just about any visitor.

The museum had, at one time, planned to set up an on-premises aviation library for serious research. To date, however, the library has not been opened and a spokeswoman recently said that, while the original plans have not been discarded, there is not any real likelihood of the library's becoming a reality until attendance at the facilities picks up a great deal over the current levels.

The Chang Chung Aviation Museum offers an unusual treat and is well worth a visit by anyone who can spare a morning or afternoon.

For those driving, the museum is located between the airport hotel and a kilometer or so before arrival at the main terminal building.

For those without their own transport, the museum operates a bus which runs every hour, on the half hour, from just outside the terminal exit.

Entry to the museum itself is NT$30 for adults and NT$20 for children or students. Hours are from 9AM to 4:30 PM daily except Monday and the day following a national holiday.

John Westbrook

CKS Airfield from museum control tower

AROUND TAIPEI FOR NEW YEAR

Many expats living in Taipei have never taken advantage of some of the goodies right under their noses. During the New Year, with the highways clogged, in-city amusements are a natural alternative. Here are a few to tickle either your curiosity or your memory:

Times Square – Taipei (西門町):

The Chinese are the world's most adept and enthusiastic city dwellers. The constant crowding you encounter in any big Chinese city from Peking to Taipei, Shanghai to Hong Kong, is not due so much to overpopulation or lack of space but rather to the traditional Chinese love for crowds. The key term here is *reh-nau,* literally "hot and noisy," which is the Chinese way of saying that something is "fun and exciting."

The best place in Taipei to immerse your senses in the human heat and noise of typical Chinese city life is Hsi-men-ding ("West Gate"), Taipei's own home-grown and colorfully local version of Manhattan's "Times Square." Here you'll find the city's biggest movie theatres, featuring an eclectic assortment of local Chinese kung-fu and love stories alongside the latest hits from Hollywood. Gaudy billboards tower five stories high over West Gate's bustling intersections, dwarfing everything else in sight. If you get impatient standing in the long serpentine lines which form for the day's top features, sniff around for a "Yellow Ox" (Chinese term for "scalper"), and he will peddle you a ticket for a bit more than booth price, thereby saving you the jostling and noise of Chinese queues.

West Gate is also a great place to browse and shop, Chinese style. The narrow lanes are crammed with boutiques and tailors, jewelry shops and shoe stores, purveyors of silks and satins, and hundreds of roadside vendors selling all sorts of curiosities. Prices are much more reasonable here than in the major hotel shopping arcades, and shop clerks are by and large honest when dealing with foreigners. Scores of cafes and fruit stalls, restaurants and snack-bars, provide convenient pit-stops to refuel your tanks and recharge your batteries in quiet comfort that contrasts comfortably with the noise outside.

West Gate is located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of Taipei Train Station. Its recommended to leave your car at home or park in a less crowded area. Say "Hsi-men-ding" to any cab-driver or pedestrian and he'll take you there or point out the way.

"Snake Alley" (華西街): Not far far from West Gate, hidden in the city's oldest quarter, is the narrow two-block lane known to foreigners as "Snake Alley" and to locals as Hua-Hsi ("China West") Street. For pure, unadulterated, sensationally exotic local color, Snake Alley has no rivals in Taiwan.

The alley gets its name from the venomous snake shops which line it. These shops display wire cages full of deadly poisonous snakes caught by professional snake-catchers in Taiwan's central highlands. Hawkers high on betel-nut harangue the passing crowds with promises of better vision, stronger backs, renewed vitality, and–inevitably–enhanced sexual potency, all for the mere NT$100 or so price of a genuine, hand-mixed "Serpentine Cocktail." This concoction is made by slitting open a live snake of your choice from head to tail right before your eyes, then squeezing the fresh blood into a glass of potent herbal spirits, much as one might wring out a wet towel. The dark-green bile from the gall bladder is added on top of that, plus – if you so request – a few drops of milky-white venom for an extra "kick".

Does it do the trick? Only the intrepid traveler knows for sure!

Between the snake-shops you'll find some of the best fresh seafood eateries in town. Famous throughout the Orient is the "Seafood Restaurant of Tainan" (台南担子麪), located at # 31 Hua-Hsi Street, All the goodies are displayed, live and wriggling, at the entrance; just stand there and point to what you want and they will do the rest in a style which any seafood gourmet will love.

Other attractions include fresh fruit stalls, fortune tellers, herbalists, and – two blocks around the corner – the famous Lung Shan ("Dragon Mountain") Temple, Taipei's oldest and most ornate traditional temple, built during the early 18th century and meticulously maintained.

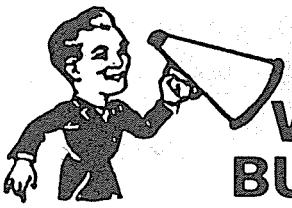
Snake Alley is difficult to find by bus or foot, though it is not too far from any place downtown. Best bet is to go by taxi as parking is not easy and not close. A taxi will drop you off about 2 – 3 blocks away.

Musing the Museum (故宮博物院): Lest you skip this diversion as just another "boring museum," be informed that ever since its opening in 1965, the National Palace Museum in Taipei has been hailed throughout the world by experts and amateurs alike as one of the most magnificent and important collections of artwork ever gathered under one roof. It remains the island's single greatest attraction, and even frequent visitors find themselves returning time and again to muse over the mind-boggling creative accomplishments of ancient China's artists and craftsmen.

A total of over 600,000 paintings, sculptures, porcelains, bronzes, jades, and other objects of art were brought to Taiwan with the Nationalist Chinese exodus from the mainland in 1949. Culled from the more than three million pieces hoarded by 24 consecutive Chinese emperors in Peking's Forbidden City, this collection represents the "Crown Jewels of China" and "la creme de la creme"of 5,000 years of Chinese creative genius. The museum has the capacity to display 11,000 items, and the displays are rotated regularly three times a year from the vast collection stored in tunnels drilled into the mountain behind the museum. Many objects have yet to be displayed.

The museum is located in Wai-shuang-hsi, a verdant hillside suburb a few miles north of the city. It is constructed in traditional Chinese imperial style and graced by a rambling Chinese garden complex in front. You can drive or catch a bus from all major points downtown. The museum is open daily drom 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and charges a token entrance fee of less than US$1. Photography is forbidden inside, but excellent color slides and full-scale reproductions of the best pieces are on sale in the lobby. The museum is open during the New Year holidays. ●

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials. – CONFUCIUS



BY WESTERN BULLHORNS

EXPAT ENGLISH TEACHERS BELABORED

The daily *English* language China Post has seen fit to run a series of letters, thus far dragged over an agonizing period, of three months, concerning the pros and cons on the status, ability and value of expatriate, or so called *Native English Teachers* (or, NETS). This technically covers all American, Australian, British, Canadian, New Zealand or South African teachers who speak English as their native tongue.

The majority of the CP letters were from Chinese English speakers who apparently have learned sufficient english to gramatically compose fair to quite good letters. Of course, how really qualified these contributors might be in the English language can only be accurately judged if we were able to assess their extemporaneous writing and speaking abilities.

The relative proficiency of the writers aside, the opinions of most of the Chinese correspondents ranged from envy – "It's very possible for a foreigner to make over NT$45,000 per month, while a college-graduated local Chinese teacher earns only NT$15,000." – and prejudice – "Having no white skin ... ," – to defamation – "Not every native English teacher can teach English very well." However, it seems that the most predominant objection to the foreign teachers is all about money, and secondly, the lack of qualifications.

English teachers are accused of making too much money – which is ridiculous since one's earning power is usually a measure of ability and the market demand for his or her particular, services. It is greatly doubted if any individual, irregardless of skin color, would be able to earn any amount of money whatsoever for long if they were unable to satisfy their students with a certain measure of competency. Those who don't perform to an existing standard simply won't last. And, how much is too much? The comparatively high amount mentioned by one detractor of NT$45,000 is by no means executive pay – and in any case is far above what most NETS are earning. A more accurate average figure would be something like 20 hours x NT$300 per hour, per week. In the U.S. this is less than a high-school dropout waiter or waitress can make. So let's dispel those get-rich-quick accusations here and now. Hourly rates of NT$500 per hour are few and far between and usually only in remote areas which must offer added incentive to entice foreign teachers. Hours taught are *usually* spread all over the place with long periods of time spent travelling to and from different teaching locations. A twenty hour week could easily include ten hours travelling time. Many teachers do come here specifically for the money – if salaries were reduced to local levels, most assuredly foreigners would be off to Japan or Korea, or back home where a higher income could be earned, devoid of smog, traffic jams and motorcycles. It ought to be remembered as well, that these foreigners have paid their own air fares to get here.

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ANOTHER AIRPORT RIPOFF ?

Aside from the ridiculously expensive NT$300 CKS Airport tax, which we all know about, another, more subtle, ripoff has been uncovered at the departure lounge newstand concession. A GV subscriber reported that, in the rush to catch his flight last month (January) he purchased a magazine, paying the full price listed on the cover of NT$75, only to discover after boarding his flight he had an October 1987 issue – 3 months outdated! This was not some exotic or obscure foreign mag published in some far corner of the world like Upper Absurdia, but the regional monthly Business Traveller.

Acting on this information GV, catching the intrepid Durdley Drinkright in sober condition, sent him to investigate (with just enough for round-trip express bus money to ensure his timely return). Here is what Durdley uncovered.

The magazine and book concession in the upper departure lounge at CKS proves disappointing. Not only do they stock outdated magazines, there is a very limited range in English, plus a minor selection of unexciting pocket books. A few tourist oriented publications are offered which should better be located on the arrival side of the terminal.

Of course, thought I, this just might be a case of poor management or at the worst, plain ignorance. So, taking the proverbial bull by the horns, I took a copy of the Oct. 1987 BT to the salesgirl on duty.

Three outdates at airport

"How much?" I asks. "Seventy-five dollars," says she.

"But dear girl," says I, "this is three months old – see here, Oct. 1987." "Seventy-five dollars." she repeats.

At this point a Chinese lady customer got the drift and told the girl in flawless Mandarin that the magazine was old.

"No matter," says the, now tight-jawed, clerk to me, "Seventy-five dollars." And that ended the conversation, so I clicked a picture, bid adieu and caught the same local bus, I'd came on, leaving enough from the express bus fare, the intrepid editor had given me, for a couple of cans of Taiwan Beer to enjoy on the way back.

What an ideal place to dump outdated publications. A spot where many people are not only in a hurry, have their minds preoccupied, and want something to read on their flight, but are also not likely to ever return – at least not in the near future! And to share the wealth – the concession, local distributor and publishers not only cut losses but increase profits correspondingly.

The moral of the story is – slow down and check dates before purchasing publications at the CKS Airport Shop – that is if you want fresh reading material.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Usually this column devotes itself to an interesting personality here on Taiwan, however this month we have a group intro of the little known, but very much present, expat community of the Asian Vegetable Research & Development Center (AVRDC) and their unique organization located at Shanhua near Tainan.

This collection of unsung agri-heroes are part of the AVRDC team, at the moment numbering eighteen dedicated souls, most with families, for a total of almost fifty ex-pats, and the Center employs about 300 locals.

AVRDC was established in May 1971 and dedicated in October 1973. The complex consists of a main campus covering 14 hectares (35 acres) and an experimental farming area of 102 hec. (250 acres). Facilities include research laboratory building, greenhouse complex, genebank and seed laboratory, screenhouses, insectary, training classrooms, administration building, cafeteria, dormitory, residential housing for 21 families, and a multi-purpose service building.

The center, currently headed by Director General Dr. George A. Marlowe, Jr., an American, is a veritable international melting pot including Australian, Canadian, Chinese, Dutch, German, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Philippine, Sri Lankan, Thai, and U.S. nationals.

AVRDC is principally supported by the Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, the Kingdom of Thailand, the U.S.A., the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Asian Development Bank. Australia and France have joined

Entrance to the hi-sci veggie center

Sweet potato test-tube babies

this year, and Canada is a special project donor. The center was the recent recipient of a US$590,000 grant from the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation for a Comparative Technology Training Program.

And what does this expat micro-community and the AVRDC do here on Ille Formosa? The organization is dedicated to improving food crop production in the lowland tropics. Its mandate is to increase the yield potential and nutritive value of legumes and vegetables – possibly the world's most undervalued group of crops. The Center is organized into three programs; crop improvement, production systems, and development.

The Center conducts intensive research on six commodities: Chinese cabbage, mungbean, pepper, soybean, sweet potato and tomato. Each of these crops contains significant amounts of vitamins, proteins, minerals, and/or fiber which make them an invaluable supplement to staple-based diets. Advanced evaluations for inclusion in intensive improvement programs are also being carried out for a number of other crops.

AVRDC scientists have assembled a 23,000 accession germplasm collection for these commodities, and are screening them for characteristics such as high and stable yield, tolerance to heat and flooding, and resistance to diseases and insects. Center researchers also conduct market and economic surveys and develop cultural practices and gardening systems for the small-scale landholder. The home/school garden program has been developed for country-specific transfer using a mix of 59 different nutritious vegetables. The environmental impact of new AVRDC technologies is assessed, and new breeding lines are routinely monitored to ensure that they are nutritious, culturally acceptable, and profitable to grow. Both improved varieties and accessions are given freely to researchers worldwide. Since 1973 over

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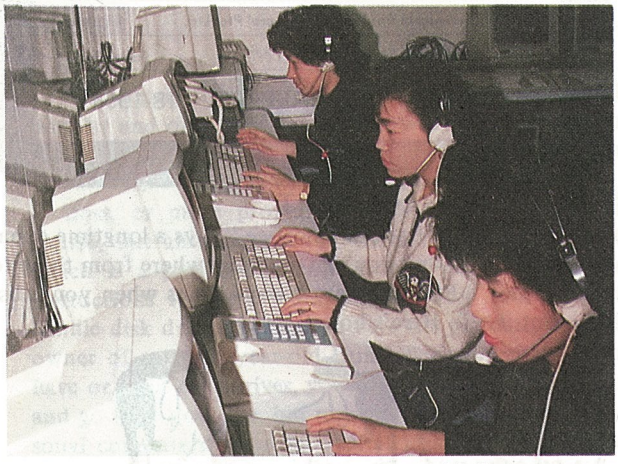
BEEPERS BECOMING BIG BIZ

Very soon electronic beepers, or pagers, will take a leap ahead here on Taiwan with introduction by the Bureau of Telecommunication, more commonly referred to as the "telephone company," of the latest upgraded model.

No more just a simple gadget signalling the user to phone his office, the pager has gone high tech with a computer-controlled readout transmitted to the carrier's receiver. This short visual message greatly reduces the need for a telephone call back to base since a pager can now visually tell you whom to contact, at what number, or where.

In addition to the basic pager system offered by the telephone company, service centers have sprung up, mainly offering a round-the-clock message center type of arrangement, whereby the center holds messages for you until you call in. This service has been especially important to the loner without an office contact. The new pager, however, has challenged the entrepreneural instincts of at least one service group who, as opposed to the competition, have computerized their operation, thus eliminating the risk of human error inherent to standard "pigeon hole" centers where messages are written on memos and stuck in a numbered hole until retrieved, not dis-similar to a hotel keybox arrangement. Having had experience with messages passed through a hotel front desk, one can imagine the margin for error involved in this system.



Computerizing messages at ABC

The leader in high-tech pager services on Taiwan is the ABC Company, or Always Better Communication Company. Their highly flexible computerized system offers many advantages that are even beyond the normal capability of large corporations, not the least of which is 24 hour message functions which can also cover international communications. In fact the center's computers will store messages even when the subscriber is overseas, as well as advise callers of absences or give contact information.

As frosting on the cake, ABC offers local stock market reports; gold or currency rates; wake-up calls; 30 min. automatic recall until the subscriber has been contacted; reminder calls to help keep track of meetings or-other obligations.

An important feature of ABC's service is security. Calls and/or information are handled strictly in accordance with the subscriber's instructions. Security is further assured by a secret code number which is required to retrieve computer-stored information which has come into the center for the subscriber. Screening of callers is also available.

ABC's range of services, which make it appealing and advantageous to both corporate and private users, runs a reasonable NT$300 per month. It is necessary, however to apply for pagers direct to the telephone company, for which the inevitable forms are required. Both private and company applications are accepted – with a current waiting list of six months! There is a guarantee deposit of NT$5000, with a monthly rate of either NT$550, with service limited to Taiwan north of Hsinchu, or NT$825 for island-wide coverage.

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Just when the new readable pagers will be available seems, as of press time, to be a mystery. Although originally announced for this month, GV was unable, as of late last month, to obtain a fixed date for, or a photo of, the new unit.

ABC Paging Service can be contacted at (02) 542-5813/7.

JHB APPOINTS LOCAL REP

W. Schubert

Mr. Wolfgang Schubert, well known in local shipping circles, has been appointed Taiwan Representative for *J.H. Bachmann* (JHB), the well-known W. German freight forwarder.

JHB, headquartered in Bremen, was established in 1775, making it one of the world's oldest forwarders. Today, with over 1000 employees, in offices spread around the world, JHB is also the world's largest privately owned freight forwarding company.

Mr. Schubert, has over fourteen years of extensive experience in the international shipping and forwarding fields, including assignments in the U.S., France, Cameroon, Switzerland and Taiwan.

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Use the buddy system. Make an advance agreement with a colleague or friend to keep an eye on each other in case one needs to be rescued.

Use ruses. Always carry two drinks. When a conversation drags, you can pack it up by saying you were on your way to bring a drink to your friend across the room.

Arrange with your secretary to call and have you paged at a fixed time and you must call the office – this works even better if you carry an electronic pager. This ploy is better for a permanent escape from the party.

Exploit your international connections. Look at your watch and say, "My office (or customer) in New York is going to call me." (Usually good for limited time periods only, and only if you plan to vacate the premises immediately.) If you don't do business outside Taiwan, say you have another function to attend.

Another good escape is the pick-someone-up at the airport, routine. This one gets you completely off the

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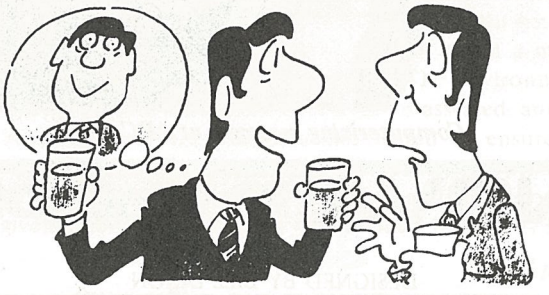

hook, however it's a good idea to check an arrival schedule beforehand and jot down a couple of convenient flights to give your fib a touch of fact.

Then you can always be brutally frank. When you feel it's time to shove on, simply say. "Excuse me, but I've got to get back to" – work or go home, or whatever. There shouldn't be any hard feelings. After all, the other guy probably wants to split too.

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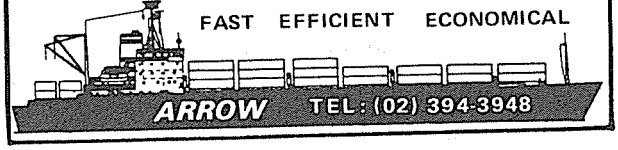
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COMPUTER TALK

by Stan

MEETING DOS

You've probably heard of a fellow named Doss, quite popular and on a first-name basis with all of your computer-literate friends, but to whom, embarrassingly, no one's thought to properly introduce you . . .

Doss, or more properly, DOS is not a person, of course, but an acronym for "Disk Operating System," which is a program or collection of programs holding instructions for your computer on how to access and handle disk drives. Now if you are the perfectly satisfied owner of an eight year-old HuntNPeck .05 that doesn't have or need disk drives, you can stop reading right here and go have your tea, but nowadays the majority of personal computers are sold with at least one built-in disk drive, sometimes even with a "hard disk" (which is a related but different species, the care and feeding of which we'll devote a full column to next month) and it might behoove you to prick up your ears at any opportunity for enlightenment on the behavioral patterns of this ubiquitous but reticent creature.

How important is DOS to your personal computer? Remember that a computer system without software is

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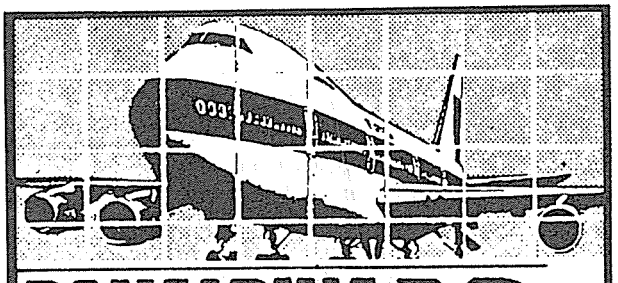
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TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

"All life is an experiment."
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DEALING WITH BACK PAIN

Low back pain can ruin your day or even render you helpless. And pain can increase during travel, unless you take measures to prevent it. Be conscious of your posture when sitting. Avoid prolonged sitting. Stand or lie down whenever possible. Avoid soft chairs, especially following exercise. Stretch before and after training or exercise sessions.

TIMING MASSAGE SESSIONS

The effectiveness of massage in restoring physical work capacity has been substantiated by many studies and also in practice. However, the most effective use of different massage sessions carried out at different times after being subjected to identical physical loads has only just been established. If the rest period between training loads does not go over 4-5 hours, massage is best carried out immediately after the first load. This assures a greater decrease in muscle tonus and faster restoration of work capacity.

When you're planning 10-12 hours of rest after exertion periods massage is most effective 2-3 hours into this rest period. This leads to more express relaxation of the muscles and faster restoration of the body.

In the weekly cycle of training or physical work periods, restorative massage is given every other day for two sessions if there are twice-a-day periods alternated every other day. When there are twice-a-day periods for two days in a row, it is best to give one massage on the first day, two sessions on the second day, and no massage the third day.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That men are more likely to become dehydrated than women . . . That a man aged 65 normally has muscle power similar to that of a 25-year-old woman. . .As a man ages, he sweats less. . . That men have fewer short-term illnesses than women. . . That between the ages of 30 and 70, a woman usually gains 15 pounds. . . That a woman of 60 who exercises regularly can do so at about 90% of what she could at age 20. . . That women tend to sleep longer per night than men?

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A housefuly can transport germs as far as 15 miles (24 km) away from a source of contamination.

"Pretty soon we'll be putting him on fibres."

GETTING WELL ON WHEAT GRASS JUICE

Who in their right mind would have ever thought of drinking wheatgrass juice? The answer to that question goes back about thirty years to Ann Wigmore. Ann was from the Boston area of the U.S., where she would eventually start her holistic health center.

Ann had been sick as a child, and had never quite gotten completely healthy as an adult. Her grandmother had given Ann herbs when she was a child, but Ann's body had still not become completely whole.

Ann noticed that dogs and cats go to a quiet corner of the yard when they are sick, and chew grass. Somehow the animals knew instinctively that the grass would help them. So, Ann figured out a way to extract the juice, and started to drink it, solely, on a daily basis. Her body reacted by purging toxins and poisons. She developed what seemed like a cold and pimples began appearing on her body.

Later, Ann came to understand what her body was doing during this peroid of painful cleansing. It had to rid itself of mucous, which had built up over the years, in the intestinal tract before her system could once again properly receive, digest and excrete food.

After the pain of the wheatgrass cleansing she felt better than ever before and after her revitalization, Ann needed as little as three hours of sleep a night. Today she travels around the world giving talks on wheatgrass, although she is now in her nineties.

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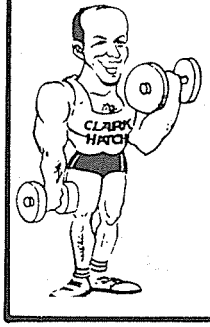
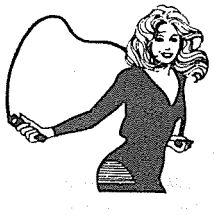


WHAT TO WEAR

Work out in a light comfortable outfit – give your pores a chance to breathe.

Don't try to look like Spartacus. You'll only hurt yourself in too tight clothing. Avoid rubber wraps and belts.

Comfortable, well constructed shoes are your best friend in any kind of workout.



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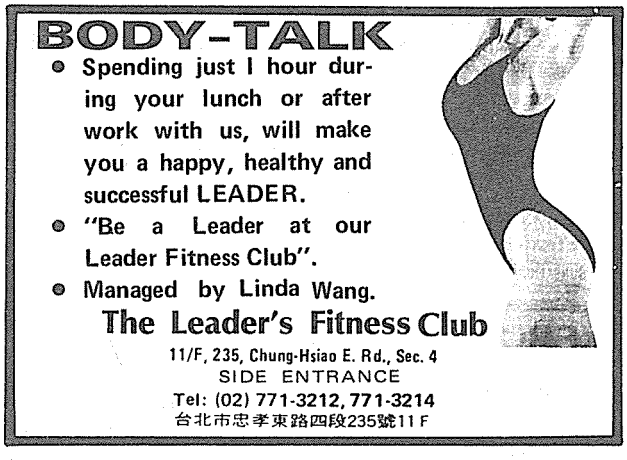
Wheatgrass juice's amazing healing properties are attributed mainly to the chlorophyll which it contains. During WWII soldiers were given chlorophyll tablets as an aid in fighting off diseases in the South Pacific. In addition to chlorophyll, wheatgrass juice contains many enzymes, which the body needs for the digestive system to function.

Although most of us won't go through a purging process as Ann Wigmore did, wheatgrass juice is a viable health-promoting tonic which can be initially drunk daily to stimulate wellness and later in lesser frequency for maintenance.

Wheatgrass juice, known as Mai-tsao-zu (麥草茶) in Mandarin, is readily available on Taiwan, but unfortunately most vendors don't serve it fresh and/or add sugar to it. Both factors render the juice useless as a health tonic. In Taipei a shop named *Bean Sprout Farm* (育芽農場), 141 Fushing S. Rd., Sec. 2 sells quality juice at NT$20 for a 50 c.c. jolt. The proprietor adamantly insists it be drunk within fifteen minutes of extraction or it's nutritive value is diminished. Alternatively, especially if you don't frequent the area, he sells live wheatgrass at NT$150 for 600 grams, and juicers for do-it-yourselfers. The grass, or sprouts, can also be found in larger department stores. The Sprout Farms' tel is (02) 703-7454.

What does wheatgrass juice taste like? Well . . . it tastes just like grass, but once one experiences it's beneficial effects it tastes great. If you've been feeling down lately give it a try.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Computers, Cont'd

like a dollar bill that's blank on one side, and about as useful. Just like certain of our subordinates, a computer has to be told how to do every little thing, let alone the complicated task of selecting and turning on disk drives, searching for and retrieving data from them, and so forth. You might as well buy a car without an engine as have disk drives on your computer without DOS.

DOS usually comes to you on a disk which must be placed in the disk drive at the time your computer is first started up. Among the final instructions in the startup software, built into your computer, instruct it to switch on that drive (the first in the chain, thereafter referred to as the "default" drive, if there are more than one), read whatever instructions it finds there into memory, and then follow those instructions. If no instructions can be read – no disk in the default drive, the disk drive door is left open, the disk is faulty or does not contain DOS – you may or may not be adequately informed before the computer halts, unable to proceed. Finis, end of computer education, unless your computer can make do without disk drives.

If DOS is so important, why, you might ask, don't the manufacturers include DOS in the computer's built-in startup software? First of all, there is usually more than one type of DOS available for any computer, and locking a computer into one type would reduce the versatility of what was intended, as much as possible, to be an all-purpose machine. Secondly, within DOS types or "families", the software is continually being modified and augmented, and the present arrangement ensures that you can update to the latest development of DOS by simply acquiring a new floppy diskette instead of having to send your computer back to the factory for a refit.

Now what, as a computer user, are you expected to know about DOS? Hardly anything at all if you can get someone else to set up a reasonably "friendly" software package for you, and teach you the correct way to insert floppy disks in the drives. Still, if only for your self-esteem, you'll want to know more. Every type of DOS has a set of commands that it will recognize and respond to when you type them in at the keyboard. The commands available vary from DOS to DOS, and can be quite esoteric, but at the very least you should learn the commands that instruct your computer to:

1. Select a disk drive, if you have more than one.
2. Search through and display a disk's "table of contents".
3. Read in and execute a program from a disk.
4. Prepare ("format") new blank disks for data storage.
5. Copy disks.
6. Create new data or program "files" on a disk.
7. Copy files from one disk to another.
8. Change the names of files on a disk.
9. Erase files from a disk.

This list ends somewhat arbitrarily, as different users have different levels of need, and the exact working of the commands that invoke these functions varies from DOS to DOS. A very valuable reference is the manual that came with your DOS. If, for whatever reason, you don't have a DOS manual, by all means go out and get one. (Good grief, man, would you try to cross the Sahara without a road map?!) You probably won't have the time to read through it all, but you can and should look up the above commands and the options, if any, that may be added to them. Other than that you ought to skim through the book, just so you'll know what's there, if and when you ever need it.

There, I've used up a lot of your time just to tell you to go read a book, but if you want to get the fullest satisfaction out of owning your own computer, you'll have to do *some* reading, and after you've found out where the on/off switch and the keyboard are, the DOS manual is a very good place to start.

Stan Firme is a locally established free-lance computer consultant and instructor. Any reader requiring these services contact Stan at Grapevine 596-2047 or address enquiries to Stan, P.O. Box 28-186, Taipei.

EXPATS' ISLAND-WIDE UPDATE

RITZ AUSSIE BASH POSTPONED

In observance of the passing of President Chiang Ching-Kuo The Grand Australian Bi-Centenary Food Festival which was to have been held at The Ritz Hotel, Taipei has been postponed to 7 – 19 March.

U.S. TAX ASSISTANCE

IRS Officer Lois Robelard will be available at the AIT office in Taipei until 3rd Feb., and in Kaohsiung on the 4th and 5th. For further information call (02) 709-2000 in Taipei or (07) 251-2444 in Kaohsiung.

TAICHUNG LAD WINS VOA CONTEST

Rex D. Santee, a student at Morrison Academy, Taichung has just won the 1987-88 VFW sponsored U.S. national Voice of America award for the Pacific Area.

VFW ISLAND-WIDE UPDATE

The Council of Administration meeting originally scheduled for 30 Jan. has been changed to 6 Feb., at 1PM at VFW Post 9957, Taipei. All elected and appointed district officers and past district commanders should attend. Other VFW members may attend as observers. An individual, and an organizational, award will be presented at this meeting.

On 7 – 9 Jan. district four was represented at the Dept. of Pacific Area mid-term Council of Administration, held at Okuma Recreation Center, Okinawa. Those attending from this district were Donald O. Webster, District Adjutant and National Security Council member, Paul T. O'Dowd, and Harry T. Bowser, past Dept. Cmdrs., Larry Braley, Dist. Four Cmdr.

LOCAL COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TAIPEI

TIWC PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL BENEFIT

Taipei International Women's Club will hold their Annual Dinner Dance "Spring Event" for charity. All are invited to dance the night away with music by "The Diplomats", one of Taipei's leading dance bands. There will be dinner and lots of surprises at this black-tie optional event. The fun begins at 6:30PM, with a no-host bar, at the Lai-Lai Sheraton, on Saturday March 12th. The Chairwoman, Denise Karsten, and her committee have been working hard to make this the most dazzling event of the year. The ticket cost of NT$1500 per person will help to purchase a computer and related software for the Taipei City Psychiatric Hospital, TIWC's major charity for 1988, helping with a much-ignored problem and helping many people in the greater Taipei area.

Raffle tickets are also being sold this month to assist the fund-raising, with prizes such as airline tickets, TV's, great dinners, and much more! For information on raffle tickets, please call Margaret Lee at 765-3951. For information on the dinner dance or tickets call Denise at 831-5417, or Toshiko Dose at 871-5675. This promises to be a memorable evening for all.

JOURNEYS INTO CHINESE CULTURE

11th Feb – Visit Taipei's oldest temple, Lung Shan Temple, and go to the Chinese market to buy door greetings for Chinese New Year. Prof. Chang-ryn Yuan, will be the guide. YWCA member NT$320. Non-member NT$360.

3rd Mar – Tour of Lingko Hall near Taipei to see the lantern display. Bring a picnic lunch for visiting a beautiful park nearby. It will be fun in the spring time. YWCA member NT$350.00 Non-member NT$390.00

NOTE: Lectures are held at 9:30AM in the Hwa Hsia Room, FASD club, 56-1 Chung-shan N. Rd., sec. 3. Coffee and donuts are served. Trips also originate at the FASD Club. For information call Polly Yeung 381-2130/1.

TYPA MOVES

The Taipei Youth Program Assn. (TYPA) have moved to Taipei American School. The new telephone number is (02) 835-7033.

WOMEN AGLOW

Women Aglow is a newly established Women's Charismatic Fellowship organisation which normally meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. Due to the lunar New Year this month's meeting will be held on Mon., Feb. 29th at 6:45PM at the American Club. Each month a different speaker or musician will be featured. This month Celio Durrant will give a talk. For further details contact Nancy Garrison 871-5393.

TAIPEI AMCHAM '88 OFFICERS

Last month, the American Chamber of Commerce, Taipei elected it's officers, board of governors and supervisors for the new year. The 1988 roster of officers, governors and supervisors is:

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S.O.S. FOR STRESS (2 sessions at the Center, Tues., 7:30-9:00 pm. starting Feb. 23, NT$350)

PRE-NATAL FITNESS TIPS (1 session at the Center, Wed., Feb. 24, 2:00-3:30pm, NT$200.)

CAREER STRATEGIES WORKSHOP (3 sessions at the Center, Mon., 9:30-11:30am, starting Feb. 22, $2000)

PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING (3 sessions at the Center, Wed., 9:30-11:00am, starting March 2, NT$450)

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT: THOSE GOLDEN YEARS (2 sessions at the Center, Thurs., 7-9:00pm, starting Feb. 25, NT$500.

FOCUS ON CHINA

DRAGONS, LIONS AND GODS: A TALK/TOUR (1 session at TAS, Fri., Feb. 26, 6:30-10:00pm. NT$400)

THE WAY IT WAS: CHINA REMEMBERED (1 session at the Center, Thurs., March 24, 7:30-9:00pm. NT$150)

WILLOWS, WINE AND WHITENED BONES: THE THEMES AND WISDOM OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE LITERATURE (6 sessions at the Center, Mon., 9:30-11:00am, starting Feb. 15, NT$1000.)

MAHJONG: AN INTRODUCTION (1 session at TAS, Wed., March 9, 7:00-9:00pm, NT$200)

WENDING YOUR WAY THROUGH OFFICIALDOM (1 session at the Center, Tues., March 8, 7:00-9:00 pm, NT$200)

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WRITING FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION (4 sessions at the Center, Fri., 9:30-11:30am, starting March 4, NT$850)

TOURIST DESTINATIONS (Thurs, at TAS)

INDIA AND NEPAL. Feb. 25 7:30-9:00pm

LIVING FOREIGN: CHALLENGES AND OPPOR TUNITIES

Starting February 4, every Thursday morning for the next 7 weeks from 9:30-11:00am, the Center will sponsor a series of presentations/discussions on issues of importance to those of us who "live foreign". No prior registration required. NT$100 fee collected at the door.

Feb. 4 RAISING CHILDREN OVERSEAS: Learn how you can best help your child. Leaders: Joel Wallach/Gale A. Metcalf, Center Co-Directors

Feb. 11 UNDERSTANDING UNDER-ACHIEVERS: Relevant for parents with children 4th grade through high school. Leader: Vinoo Bawa, School Psychologist.

Feb. 25 FEELING BLUE – DEPRESSION AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT: Symptoms, causes and practical steps you can take to cope with and prevent this common ailment. Leader: Ruth Grulich, ACSW

March 3 GETTING TO KNOW YOURSELF Ways to get in touch with our inner selves; how we can preserve the memories of what is important; creative ways of keeping a record of our lives. Leader: Barbara Brantingham

March 10 SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP – HONG KONG. Leader: Eunice Pointon

March 17 TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEX: What to say. When and how for different age groups. Leader: Dr. Jay Wilson, School Psychologist

March 24 SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP – SEOUL. Leader: Sandy McCullough

FOR THE LADIES – OUR PLACE

"Our Place," the recently established ladies club is a cooperative organization open to all expatriate women. The purpose is to provide a "place" in Tienmou where women can gather to make new friends, and participate in various interesting programs.

Members share in the upkeep of the club. Within the group women with various talents are enlisted and encouraged to participate in the club's programs. Additionally, the club offers relaxation, games, cards, handicrafts, shopping trips, smiles and friendship.

All expatriate ladies are invited to join, participate, contribute, and have a lot of fun. ***Our Place*** is open Monday – Friday from 1PM – 4PM.

For further information, contact Rita Carter 831-5593 or, better yet, visit the club at 748 Chung Shan North Road, Sec. 6. The entrance is behind the Chinatown Restaurant, on the 2nd floor, off of lane 754.

See pictures featuring the Our Place ladies on the following page.

TAS NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Dr. Guy Lott, Superintendent, Taipei American School has announced that the school's Lunar New Year holiday will be February 16-19, rather than February 17-19 as originally scheduled, to enable the school's Chinese employees to be with their families.

ORGANIZATIONAL NOTICES

Christian Women's Club will hold a special "Couples Meeting" on Saturday, February 27th, 12:30PM at the Asia World Hotel (100 Tun Hwa N. Rd.), featuring a special musical program of love songs and a presentation on how to communicate with your spouse. Tickets for the program, titled "A time for Love," are NT$700 per couple. Make your reaservations early by calling Kathy Frederiksen 918-0467 or Rhea McMurdock 892-2924.

Int'l Women's Club's February meeting will be a Chinese New Year's Celebration, sponsored by the Chinese Tea Group, featuring a full-course Chinese luncheon, at the Lai-Lai Sheraton from 11AM until 2PM, 23rd. Feb. Cost is NT$550 for card-carrying members, and NT$750 for non-members. There will

be explanations of Chinese customs surrounding the New Year, a traditional Lion's Dance, a small rendition of the Chinese Opera, "Huang Mei Tiao," music from a traditional Chinese instrument and much more.

TAIPEI LIVE ENTERAINMENT

Date	Program	Place
3	Pinchas Aukerman Violin Recital	NC
5	Night of Ku-Zheng	AIT
5	Thomas Dickinson Piano Recital	AIT
6	Chen Pi-Hsien Piano Recital	NC
7	Music for Percussion by, T.U.P.G.	NC
8	City Symphony orchestra Recital	MS
15	San Francisco Symphony	NC
17-19	San Francisco Symphony	NC
22	Drum & Gong by City Chinese Orchestra	MS
23	City Chinese Orchestra – Hong Kong recital	MS
24	Chinese flute by Cheng Je-ming	MS
26-28	Ode of Perpetuity	NT
27	The Beauty of Harpsichord	NC

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TAICHUNG

Christian Women's Club will not be meeting this month due to the New Year celebrations. Details for their March meeting will appear next issue.

VFW Post 727 will observe it's 18th birthday on 14 Feb. At the same time a ceremony will be held to commemorate the sinking of the battleship Main, which precipitated the Spanish-American War. Valentine's day will also be celebrated, with members and their families invited to attend – details will be given at the regular meeting on 8 Feb. Lunar New Year closing dates will be posted at the Veterans Service Center, Taichung.

TAICHUNG JOINERS LIST (04)

Bowling or Softball, Men. . . .	Hank Knight at VEW 321-9729
Bowling Ladies	254-3914
Bridge Club	(046) 23-2707
Chinese Lessons	287-3490
Christian Women's Club	231-8764
Int'l Womens Assn	251-4146
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8	Cheng Pi-hsien Piano Recital	Taichung
10	Woodpecker chamber music	Kaohsiung
12	Ho Kim-gen Chinese Song	Kaohsiung
14	The night of World Love song	Kaohsiung
25	Chinese flute recital by Cheng Je-ming	Kaohsiung
26	Hong Kong Chinese Traditional music Recital	Kaohsiung

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KAOHSIUNG

Kaohsiung Correspondent Harry F. Ong can be contacted at (07) 771-4338 or by mail to P.O. BOX 1842. Kaohsiung.

INTERNATIONAL TALENT NIGHT

Kaohsiung City is hosting an International Talent Night on Saturday, Feb. 13th at the Cultural Center. Interested expats call Jeanne Griffiths at 241-5693.

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AMCHAM will be having it's Feb breakfast meeting on the 3rd at 7:30AM. Newly elected officers are Phil Steward, President; John Vaughan, lst Vice Pres,; Jack MacIntosh, as 2nd Vice Pres.

American Institute (AIT): Mon. Wed. and Fri 9:30 to 11:30AM notarial and other U.S. citizen services will be available. Lois Robillard, from the Internal Revenue Service, will be in Kaohsiung on February 4th and 5th. A.I.T. Kaohsiung is located on 2 Chung Cheng 3rd Road 3 floor (中正路2號3樓) 251-2444. Call Helga Chen for appointments.

Coffee Morning the Intl Ladies Coffee Morning will be held at the Kaohsiung Grand Hotel, Feb 10th, 10 AM. Newcomers to the area are invited to attend to meet

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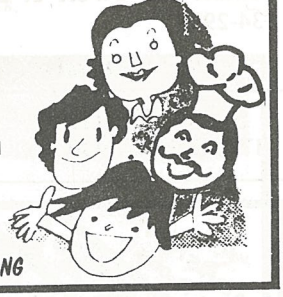

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new friends. For further information call Faye MacIntosh at 742-0991, or Pauline Watson at 741-7476.

Cricket Club a local match will be played Sat., 20th from 12:30 at the Chung Cheng Stadium and on Sunday, 28th Taipei and Kaohsiung will be facing off at 10AM to 5PM for the Intercity Trophy. For information call Owen Hegarty at 381-2524.

Intl Women's Club February's luncheon meeting has been advanced one week to the 10th due to Chinese New Year. Chinese classical music and instruments will be demonstrated. Any Chinese lady who introduces an expat lady will receive a free lunch.

Masons Pearl River Lodge #3 will conduct it's Stated Meeting on Feb 6, 6PM at 289 Pa Teh lst Road, 9th floor. All interested expat men call Harry Ong at (07) 771-4338 or Nelson Tung at (07) 241-3421.

Morrison Academy Principal Frank Wicks of Morrison advises that the school library badly needs new books for elementary students. The school is asking for donations, which may be sent directly to Morrison Academy, 400 Hsin Hsing Lane. Kao Tan Village, Jen Wu Hsiang 81405 (高雄縣仁武鄉考潭村新興巷 400 號) Chinese New Year vacation will be from the 15th to 22nd.

Scouts the Boy and Girl Scouts meet at Morrison Academy every Wednesday at 3PM. The Boy Scouts will be having an overnight campout at Oluanpi Feb 26-28th – Interested boys may call Keith Loman at 331-8131. Adults wishing to assist are welcome.

Toastmasters announces it's new officers: Jessee Tsai, President; Ed. V–P Emil Chu; Ad. V-P Celine Tsai; Secretary Alice Liao; Treasurer Tricia Lin and SAA Paul Liu. Meetings for Feb will be 12th and 26th, on the 14th floor of the Kingdom Hotel at 6:30PM. Expats are invited to present a speech for a complimentary dinner.

YWCA will visit Kaohsiung Artists, where interesting and unusual paintings can be purchased. March 1st there is an evening tour to see the Lantern Festival displays at various temples. For full information Contact the YWCA at 261-0697 or Ardyth Savage at 334-2938.

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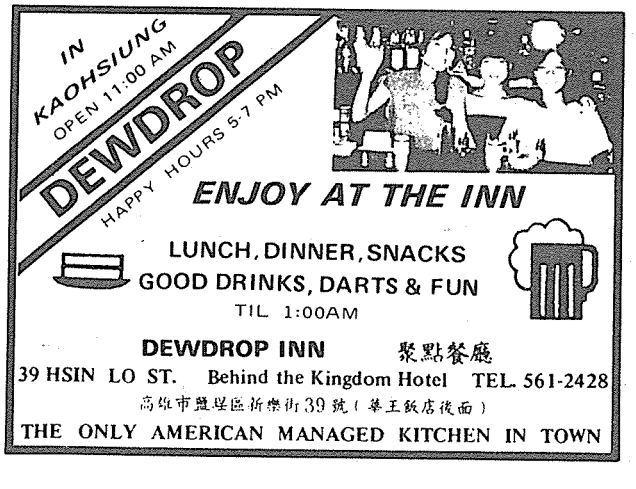
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Cricket Club	381-2524 or 871-5262
Daring Diners Dirty Chopsticks Club	742-8392
Girl Scout Activities	331-8131
Hash House Harriers	381-5325
Int'l Ladies Coffee Morning	371-7988
Kaohsiung Int'l Womens Club	221-7012
Masonic Lodge	771-4338 or 241-3421
Mother & Children	731-3471
Mothers & Toddlers Group	731-2526
Preschool	381-1954
Sewing Group	742-8392
Toastmasters Club	351-6651
Weight Watchers Group	334-2938
YWCA	334-2938

English Teachers, Cont'd....

There has also been dispute as to who is best qualified to teach – NETS or qualified Chinese teachers. The Ministry of Education has just made a ruling to limit the hiring of foreign teachers in bushi-bans to one third of the total number of teachers. But surely the best people to determine individual needs are the schools and the students themselves. Teaching must be adapted to the requirements of students, not vice versa. In an editorial last month the China Post states "The person best qualified to teach a language to non-native learners is a native speaker of the language who is well trained in linguistics and who has a fair knowledge of the students' native language."

There is a tendency in Taiwan to regard any piece of paper as a qualification to teach. Thus a Phd. in the sex life of chocolate frogs is a guarantee of a top English teaching position. In the opinion of this column, the only qualification of any significance whatsoever is a teaching certificate, specifically in teaching the English language. But the number of native speaking teachers who would fit into this category would number very, very few, probably less than five percent. Instead of abusing unqualified teachers, it ought to be recognized that for obvious reasons, training institutions in English speaking countries train a very limited number of "English teachers."

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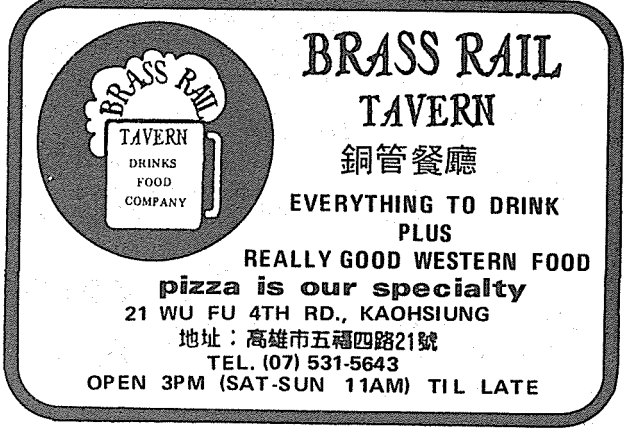

DINING OUT & DINING IN *with the Discerning Diner*

NOUVEAU CUISINE IS LA FACON

French food restaurants have virtually plagued Taipei for year's now, most of them being uniformly mediocre, or worse, as if the fact that commoners and novice gourments believe. French cuisine to be the epitomy of high class dining, will automatically ensure customers.

In recent years, much to the disgust of staid, orthodox epicureans the so-called nouveau cuisine, or new food, has become popular with young French chefs who have broken the traditional bonds to emerge with new, and often, delightful culinary creations.

To the freethinkers, it is a nice change to be able to sit down to a totally new dish and judge it's worthiness on it's own merits, instead of comparing on an apple against apple basis.

With these thoughts in mind your Discerning Diner accompanied by a crew of two visited the La Facon (pronounced: Faw-sawn), in the building conveniently located on the northeast corner of Tun-hua S. Rd. and Chung-shiao E. Rd. The problem is finding the place once you've located the building. The entrance is on the north side and once inside you must walk around behind the center area to find the elevators, but once done – never forgotten, and it's a quick lift up to the 5th floor.

The restaurant is modern without being ostentatious, uncrowded and relaxing. Service is prompt and courteous. The view is great.

La Facon's menu is neatly done with appealing dishes well described in English, as well as French and Chinese. Unlike most eateries these days, the menu has a well appointed quantity of dishes, making for easier selection.

One unusual feature of the menu which those diners whose spouses eat like birds are sure to appreciate, is the notation: *Light eaters can halve orders for 70% of the listed price.*

To start off, the in-house naan-type bread was excellent as was the liver pate routinely served with the bread basket.

The hors d'oeuvres are varied and unique. We selected *Grosse Praires a La Mode Nouveau,* or clams with onion, bacon and butter on a bed of spinach, in the shell – they were good.

Two soups were ordered amongst the three of us, and included a tasty *French Onion Soup* and an excellent *Oxtail Soup Hungarian.*

The three main courses consisted of *Chicken with Herbs, Garoupa with Lemon and Butter Sauce* – both of which are recommendable – and a steak which was eaten without particular comment, but anyway steaks are not the forte of French chefs nor do they lend themselves very well to imaginative nouveau cooking.

Dessert was the standard, but tasty, *Crepes Suzette* which was ordered just to compare 'apples with apples.'

Coffee and tea were served with a plate of tasty cookies to top off a satisfying evening's repast.

The bill was totted up to a grand total, including tax and service, of a fair NT$2200 for the trio.

La Facon is located at 385 Tun-hua S. Rd., 5th floor. Tel. 731-5309 – Don't miss it!

PIZZA PROWL

Last month this column commenced with a report on Antonio's Pizzeira and promised to check-out other Pizza establishments on an alphabetical basis, however as they say, "if you can't say something nice better say nothing." With that old adage in mind, the next two in alphabetical order Kings and Kookies can only be summed up by saying we went, we ate, we left – never to enter either portal again. So, as far as Pizza-oriented eateries go in Tienmou, Antonio's currently has the market cornered.

Next month the Pizza Patrol will move downtown for a go at the U.S. franchisees.

FOOD FACTS . . .

Botanically, the cucumber, eggplant, pumpkin, squash, tomato and okra are fruits.

COTTAGE EXPANDS

The ever popular Ploughman's Cottage recently completed their second floor restaurant expansion.

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FEBRUARY DINING – IN

CHICKEN JAMBALAYA

1 large chicken, cut up
4 large onions, chopped
5 cloves garlic, chopped fine
3 cups water
2 cups brown (unpolished) rice
½ cup chopped green onions
salt and pepper to taste
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

In a large cast-iron pot, brown the chicken over high heat in its own fat until it turns dark, dark brown all over. Add the onions and garlic and fry until they turn brown, too – about 10 minutes more. Add the water and simmer the chicken until tender, about 30 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and stir lightly. Bring the liquid to a boil and cook over medium heat until most of the water is gone and the rice starts to puff. Stir the mixture carefully, lower the heat, and cover to cook slowly until done, about 30 minutes more. When done, season with more cayenne pepper if desired. Serves 6.

NOTE: INGREDIENTS FOR ALL GRAPEVINE RECIPES ARE AVAILABLE ON TAIWAN.

GARLOTS

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 medium onion, chopped
18 cloves (about 1 large head) garlic, peeled and chopped
1 pound chopped beef or pork
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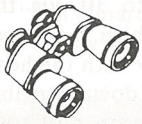
Heat the oil in a heavy skillet; add the onion and garlic and cook until wilted. Then add the meat and fry until it changes color. Add the tomatoes and cook the mixture until it is dry, about 10 minutes. Add cumin, salt, and pepper. Let the mixture cool.

Separate the spring roll wrappers and put 1 heaping tablespoon filling on each roll along the diagonal. Fold one corner over the filling, then fold over the shorter two ends and roll the wrapper until the remaining end piece is wrapped around the filling. Moisten the end with a little water to make it stick.

Heat the oil to 375F (190C) and deep fry the garlots, 2 at a time, for 5 to 7 minutes. Drain on paper towels, then sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese and serve hot. Makes 8 garlots.



HOTEL WATCH

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AMBASSADOR will feature a Lion Dance on Feb. 17th, 9:30AM in the lobby area.

ASIA WORLD PLAZA will feature year-end group dinner specials at NT$4,500 per table with up to 150 tables available. Call 713-9966 for reservations or information.

HILTON'S Hunan Restaurant will feature a set menu lunch with seasonal ingredients during this month at NT$495 per head plus 15%. 10th – 29th there will be a "Dumpling" promotion featuring all the different kinds of Yuan-Pao dumplings – which will include coins.

Valentine's specials will held in the Coffee Garden, Trader's Grill, Tiffany's and La Pizzeria on the 14th. Call 311-5151 for further information.

HOWARD PLAZA's Strawberry Festival will continue throughout Feburary in the Champ Elysees Coffee Shop. The Miyama Japanese Restaurant will hold their "Hokkaido Food Festival" from the 1st through 10th, introducing winter delicacies from northern Japan. For reservations or information phone 700-2323.

ROYAL will have a six-dish Valentine's Day special with a present for the ladies. Valentine's Cakes will go on sale and can be ordered from the 1st. Call 542-3226.

WANDERING CHOPSTICKS

In observance of the passing of President Chiang Ching-Kuo last month, the Wandering Chopsticks monthly Chinese dining excursion was cancelled, as it will also be during February due to the numerous year-end parties prior to the lunar new year and the extremely crowded restaurant conditions. Be prepared to join the group for another venture into Chinese cuisine during March.

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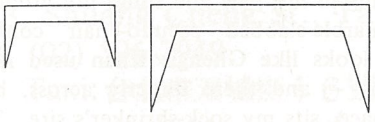
2. A number which is a square, cube, and fifth power must also be a $2 \times 3 \times 5 = 30$th power. 3^{30} is somewhat greater than two hundred trillion, so that the solution must be 2^{30} which is equal to 1,073,741,824.



1. A hexagon need not be convex, it is easy to find any number of solutions similar to the one shown.

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DOWN & OUT BARSTOOL VIEWS

By Durdley Drinkright

Living in Taiwan has a distinct advantage for bonifide, dyed-in-the-wool boozers – *two* glorious New Years in which to revel in the undisputed right to get absolutely smashed. I mean, nobody says a thing when one gets snockered on a New Year's – it's taken for granted that its open-season for dedicated imbibers in a year otherwise punctuated by those disgusted *tsk-tsk's* and *shame-on-you's* whenever a staggeringly joyous drunk zig-zigs into sight. But on New Year's it's all OK – and hereabouts we even have two of these annual oases of grog in a desert of mindless sobriety. Thank the gods for small favors!

Another good thing about a New Years' binge is that, provided you've made a good job of it, you can't remember what a complete ass you've made of yourself, and even if you do you can pretend you don't and nobody'll be the wiser – it's a magical time alright.

Having sucessfully drank (or drunk) my way through the recent round-eye version of the New Year, with a glorious three-day gasseroo, I'm looking forward to the upcoming lunar extravaganza which will be sadly interrupted by my rice-propelled, sock-shrinking spouse and her lunar pilgrimage to my out-laws in the paddies. This is not to say that I don't get my fair share of spirits (liquid type, that is) on this annual field trip – there's enough Shiao-hsing flowing around the acreage to stiffen up a herd of water buffalo – it's the company I'm forced to keep that puts a damper on the occasion.

No sooner do we arrive but the sock-shrinker shoves a Shiao-Shing in my paw and slings my lurching carcass onto a marble-slabbed pseudo-chair confronting a table that looks like Ghengis Khan used it for ritual amputations – and there directly across, beady eyes fixed in space, sits my sock-shrinker's sire. Talk about being juiced, in the ten years since I blindly stumbled off the curb of bliss into the matrimonial gutter, this old gent has never, to my knowledge, moved. He must be connected to the pissoir by tubes, or maybe they wheel him over there during the wee hours in a barrow. There he squats, semi-pickled, oblivious, grinning from ear-to-ear, the only man I ever met who lives in a permanent happy hour.

I'll tell you, after a day of sharing father-out-law's company, at that eroded table, stained by ancient betel nut droolings, even an hour of *IRCT's AM-Stereo would be a bloody picnic. Just imagine the hours without passing a word, the old geezer sitting there grinning as if he'd just fondled the local Dolly Parton, his sole animation consists of pouring and slurping, with an occasional nasal probe or ear excavation. If they gave a prize for being oblivious, dad would be world's champ by a mile-and-a-half. He must know something we don't – yet.

Anyway, after a day of losing a bundle of my hard earned cash to an assortment of screaming, screeching ragamuffins, ranging in age from zero to 30, via the red-envelope route, (in exchange for which I will get that dubious honor of drinking a full day with the head of the clan) I'll be fully primed to drink down veritible gallons of good old Aufgepist Bier over on pub row. Even Wiley Molehill or Death-wish Ghergle will, albeit very briefly, be good for sore eyes.

O'course these days we have to watch for those local teeny-boppers, or punk rockers, or whatever they're called at the moment, which are increasingly polluting the Shuang-cheng area. But not to fear, they're easy to handle, if one pees on your boot, just smile and say thanks. Alternatively, you can enlist a rooting section of about a dozen or so fellow expat degenerates, and then pop him a good one. You'll need the dozen later when the bopper returns – to save face – with a herd of scooter mounted compatriots, – calculated with a handicap weighted for his side of about 6 to 1 – but then it's hard to find thirty-six heroes in one town anywhere in the world these days.

So, most likely, after a big shouting and spitting match everyone can return to getting soused in one of those, as-yet un-polluted, pubs with the other assorted expatricides, under the matronly protection of the shao-nai-nai's – live and let live I always says!

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DURDLEY'S TRIVIA

1. What's the definition of *Optimism?*
2. Where and how was the *Limbo* invented?
3. What do the numbers *1776* and *1492* have in common?

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CHUCKLERS

Sir Cedric and Lord Griffin, the famous African big game hunters, were having an argument during lunch.

"I say old man," Sir Cedric bellowed, "I do believe the word is spelled 'w-o-o-m-b'."

"No, old bean," answered Lord Griffin, "I'm sure it's spelled 'w-o-o-o-m-b'."

A waitress overheard them and interrupted, "Begging your pardon, sirs. But I believe the world is spelled 'w-o-m-b'."

Sir Cedric turned to his companion, "I say, Griffin. It's obvious that this young lady has never heard an elephant pass wind."

* * *

"I'm smart," one little boy said to his friend. "I know how babies are made."

"I'm smarter," his little friend bragged back. "I know how they're not made."

* * *

A man walked into a store and said to the clerk behind the counter, "I'd like a pound of cole slaw and half a pound of kielbasa."

The clerk asked, "Are you Polish?"

"Yeah. How'd you know?"

"This is a hardware store."

GRAPEFITTI OF THE MONTH

from the walls of the world

MY DAD SAYS THEY DON'T WORK

written on a condom vending machine

BEER

I wish I were a brewer's horse,
Five quarters of a year;
I'd place my head where was my tail,
And drink up all the beer.

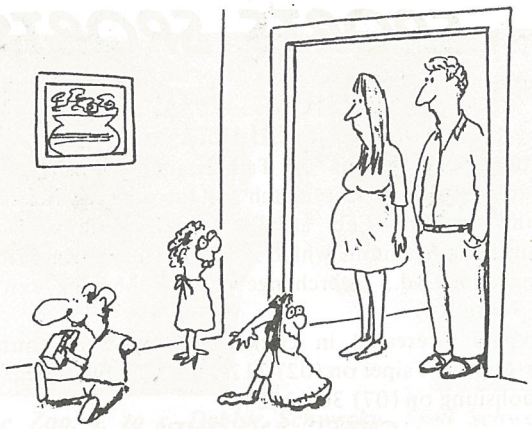
C. Sinclair 1839

DURDLEY'S FACTS

The snail mates only once in it's life, but it makes up for the deficiency by taking twelve hours to do it.

DURDLEY'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A 75 year-old gay who shaves his legs 2. In a U.S. bus station by a Scotsman getting into a pay toilet. 3. They are adjoining rooms in the Warsaw Hilton.



"Guess our marriage was a mistake, eh, sis?"

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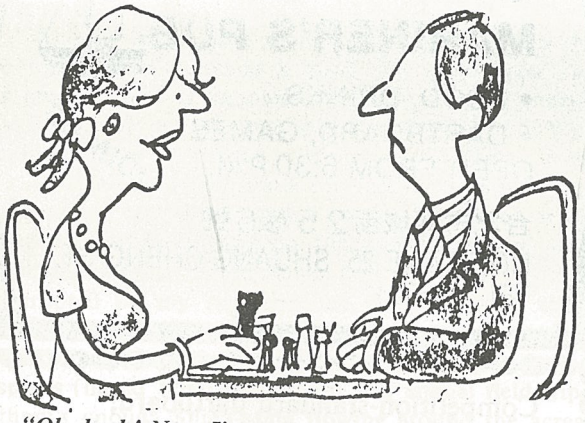
The cricket teams of Taipei and Kaohsiung are scheduled to meet in a match for the coveted Intercity Trophy on 20th Feb. at 10AM in Kaohsiung at the Chungcheng Stadium, which is located at the Kaohsiung Chungcheng Rd., interchange (2nd Kaohsiung exit – after Jeoru Rd).

Expats interested in cricket are urged to contact Peter Mills in Taipei on (02) 712-9133, or Owen Hegarty in Kaohsiung on (07) 381-2524.

CHESS ANYONE?

Unfortunately, the former Taipei Chess Club has become defunct and interested players are currently floating in limbo. Anyone interested in organizaing a club for chess aficinados contact Grapevine 569-2047 during business hours.



"Oh, look! Now I've got two of your horses and one of those big ones with a bobble on the top. Does that count for anything?"

LADIES BOWLING

The ladies Friday morning league has missed a few meets recently and as of press time standings remained unchanged from last month's report with the Optimists 1st, Kimchi Quartet 2nd and The Eight in 3rd place.

Joiners phone Linda Moulin 892-3010.

IT'S A FACT . . .

A bolt of lightning can strike the earth with as much as 100 million volts.

MEN'S BOWLING

The final Tuesday of January was position night and saw the men's teams, still in a fairly close race for this far into the season. The standings were: 1. MCFPP, 49.5 wins, Five Star 48.5, LABAN 47, followed by Firebugs, JDA, American Legion, Cooties, Sam's Place, Hilton Hustlers and Panalpina. Men interested in bowling on Tues. evenings contact Stan at 835-7587.

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MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

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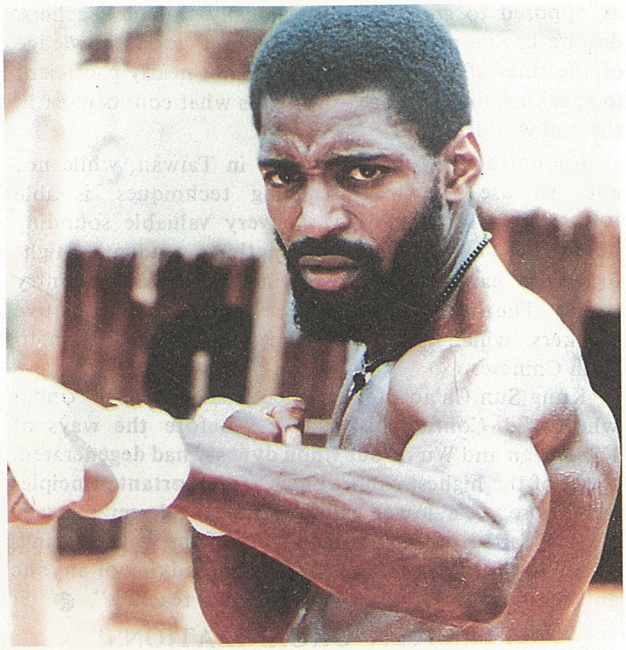
The mixed couples league meets every Monday evening at the TYRC lanes on Chungshan N. Rd. (just below the Grand Hotel) at 7:30P.M. New bowlers are welcome. Call Phyllis Elliot 892-8647 for information.

COMING SOON. . .

MARTIAL ARTS – THE LOW DOWN

Next month GV will commence a series of Articles by Kung-fu star and martial arts expert Eugene Trammell covering the various forms of the martial arts available here on Taiwan.



Eugene Trammell – martial arts expert

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The Zoo. l. to r. Debbie Schwecke, Fred Schwecke, Phyllis Elliott, Eli Atienza

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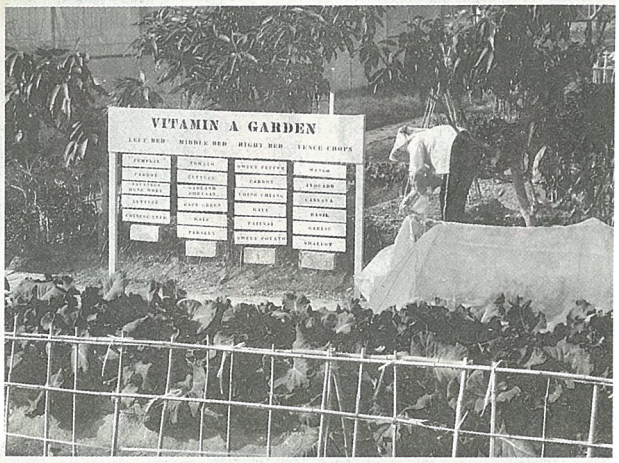

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Some interesting highlights of this reporter's visit to AVRDC were the experimental family garden plots, designed for specific areas such as the Thai Family Garden, or the Vitamin "A" Garden (for certain vit. A deficient African and Asian regions), which measure 3 X 3 meters and can support a family of five year-round. Then there is the insectary, an insect raising facility, which provides specific insects with which to test plant resistance. Last but not least, AVRDC has it's own modern print shop, which does everything except color-separation and binding, and churns out an assortment of newsletters, reports, extension documents, symposia proceedings and their own news magazine, which go to over 6000 institutions and individuals in 160 countries.

Aside from an occasional nip over to Tainan to seek some fast-food thrills at Mac's, Wendy's, or the Colonel's the folks in Shanhua have a swimming pool, tennis and volleyball courts, and an in-house softball team which just might get into action soon with some of their Kaohsiung expat neighbors, since both are a bit tired of getting bashed by local native hardhitters. Then, there are those hardy few expat competitive runners who are blessed with the soft dirt roads which ring the AVRDC experimental fields.

The center is, unfortunately, not geared for public visits due to staff restrictions and the highly specialized nature of their work, however if it's specific professional interest or a softball game you want just get in touch with the personable Bruce McLean, Head of Information Services, at tel. (06) 583-7804 (Ext. 208).

English Teachers, Cont'd . . . . .

In any case we are talking about English *conversation,* as opposed to *grammar.* Most locally trained teachers, despite having proper credentials and a good knowledge of the rules of English grammar are not nearly proficient in speaking the language – which is what counts most in the real world.

An untrained foreign teacher in Taiwan, while not able to use the best teaching techniques, is able to provide students with the very valuable sounding board of native fluency, something students might otherwise have to fly to an English speaking country to get. The best way to learn a language is with native speakers, which is why foreigners come to Taiwan to learn Chinese.

Kung Sun Ch'ao of Wei asked Tuan-mu Tz'u "Under whom did Confucious study?" "Before the ways of Kings Wen and Wu of our Chou dynasty had degenerated, those of the highest calibre knew the important principles and those of a lower calibre knew the lesser matters No one failed to know some aspect of the ways of Kings Wen and Wu. So, the Master did his studying of anyone and everyone. He did not have a formal teacher." ●

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FAMOUS PEOPLE TRIVIA

1. The model involved in the English "Profumo Affair."
2. Who was the first woman to be vice-president of a western hemisphere country?
3. The discoverer of Alaska.
4. Founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.
5. Frenchman who aided the American cause during the Revolutionary War.
6. Who provided land for the United Nations Building?
7. Mexican General who considered himself the "Americas Napoleon."
8. Who was the last king of Egypt?
9. A famous Portugese explorer, 1469 – 1524.
10. Who said "Let them eat cake?"
11. Who completed the first bible printed with movable type?
12. English general who founded the empire of British India.
13. Who discovered radium?
14. First person to receive a permanent artificial heart.
15. Explorer who first sailed around the world.

TOUCHY BLOCKS

The piles of blocks shown are solid. Any block without support is shown as such. Each diagram represents a pile of exactly similar blocks. Write a number beside each letter in the column *to show how many other blocks touch the block indicated by each letter.* The first letters have been matched with numbers as an example, showing that block A touches three other blocks.

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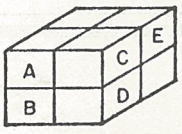

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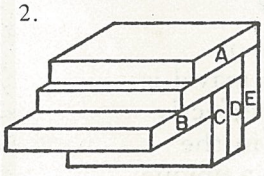

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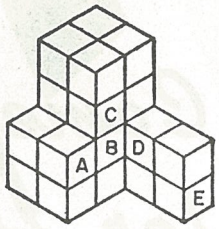

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PUZZLERS

1. When Henry cut two similar irregular hexagons out of a sheet of paper, he was surprised to find that he could not completely cover the smaller one with the larger. What were their shapes?
2. Wilfred Stump heard that there is only one number between 2 and 200,000,000,000,000 which is a perfect square, cube, and fifth power, and has decided to look for it. So far he has checked out every number up to about 100,000 and is beginning to get somewhat discouraged. Perhaps the reader can help him out.

CRYPTOGRAM

In cryptograms, you are given sentences in which one set of letters is substituted for another. The words are in their right order with a space after each. For example: A BIG CAT, M SWX UMY. Here M is substituted for A, S for B, W for I, etc. You can break each code by watching for the frequency of certain letters or the way they are grouped. You know that a single letter is usually A or I, that the word THE occurs very often in English as does AND. Try IS, IT, OF and other common words when you find a group of two letters.

Z E S Z E V X U Z E F Z V W J C-

S O O S I W S Z E S W Y O Z

F H Y D Z F W S C V B F P F O

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